

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group using it's monetary might to influence local constituency.

Communities are not served when a corporation decides to favor and give one side a louder voice than others. During election season, audiences should be offered genuine debate.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to be more interactive.

Thank you for considering my comments.